

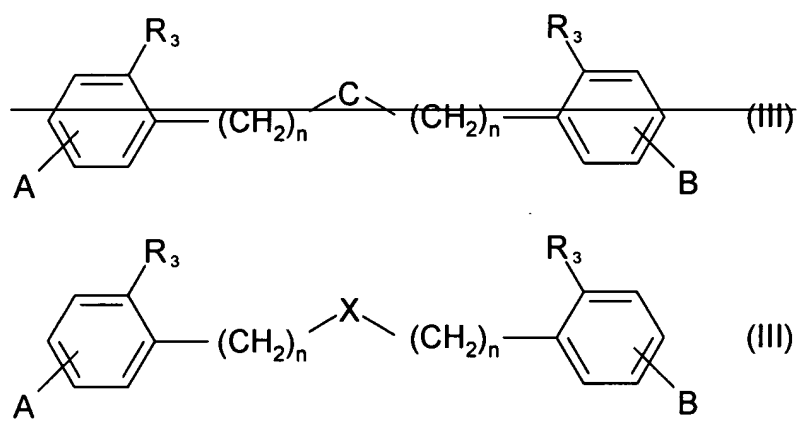
AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

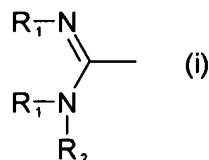
Please replace the paragraph starting at page 8, line 24 and proceeding through page 10, line 19 with the following paragraph:

A third group of compounds useful for carrying out the present invention are those having formula III:



wherein:

A and B are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, oxyalkyl, nitro, amino, aminoalkyl, halo, hydroxy, carboxy, and substituents of formula (i):

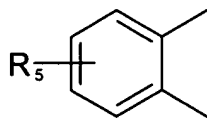


subject to the proviso that at least one of A and B is a compound of formula (i);

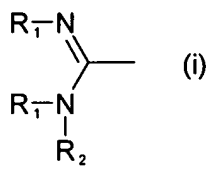
R_1 and R_2 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, loweralkyl, oxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl and alkylaminoalkyl; or two R_1 groups on the same amidine group together represent $-(CH_2)_m-$ wherein m is 2, 3, or 4;

~~R₃ is H, loweralkyl, oxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl or halogen;~~

or two R₁ groups on the same amidine group together represent



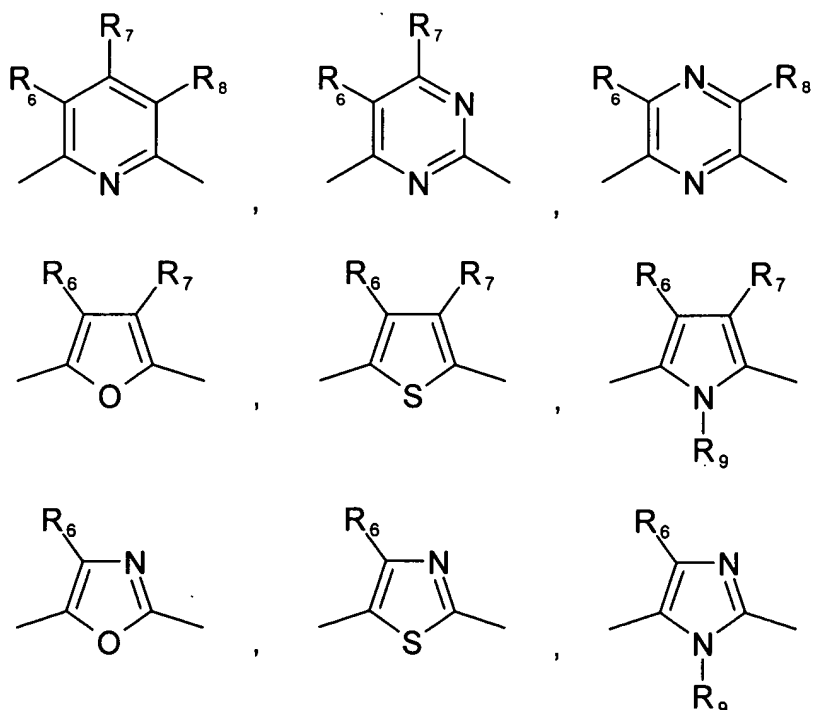
wherein R₅ is



R₃ is H, loweralkyl, oxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, or halogen;

n is an integer from 0 to 2; and

[[A]]X is CH₂O or is a heterocyclic aromatic group selected from the group consisting of:



wherein

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R_6 , R_7 , and R_8 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, loweralkyl, halogen, oxyalkyl, oxyaryl, or oxyarylalkyl;
 R_9 is hydrogen, loweralkyl, hydroxy, aminoalkyl, or alkylaminoalkyl;
and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.